

**Recommendation to establish an Administrative Commission  
to Work With the Session and Congregation  
of The Upper West Conococheague Presbyterian Church, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania**

Building on the Session's 15 months of intentional, prayerful discernment, the Commission on Ministry (COM) of The Presbytery of Carlisle, **recommends and moves** that the Presbytery of Carlisle appoint an Administrative Commission to work, on its behalf with the Session and Congregation to establish the legacy path of the Upper West Conococheague Presbyterian Church, Mercersburg, PA.

COM further moves that the Administrative Commission be authorized to:

**Meet with the Session to create and implement a strategy for communication with the congregation, especially regarding the factors currently impacting the vitality and sustainability of the church.**

**Facilitate a process of discernment about the church's legacy: Engage the congregation in reflection and conversation about their shared values and the mission causes represented among them; Consider where and for whom the church's remaining assets will be directed, in the event of the dissolution of the Upper West Conococheague Presbyterian Church.**

**Walk alongside the Session and Deacons to plan for the care of the congregation and the stewardship of the church's resources of people, property, and finances, in the time that remains.**

The Administrative Commission is authorized to assume original jurisdiction, if it deems necessary.

***In the event that a dissolution of the existing congregation is warranted, the AC is authorized to:***

- Arrange for the pastoral care and option for re-location of the members.
- Secure the Session records, legal rights to all property (real or personal) held by or for the benefit of the congregation.
- Dispose of the moveable personal property of the congregation.
- Secure the building and property; attend to matters of insurance.
- Dispose of the building and grounds or convey the building and grounds to the "The Presbytery of Carlisle of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)"
- Having discerned, with the congregation, its legacy intentions, recommend to the Presbytery the use of the remaining assets of the congregation, after all costs related to the work of Administrative Commission have been reimbursed to the Presbytery.
- Plan and conduct a Service of Witness.

The Administrative Commission may secure the assistance of other individuals, as appropriate, to assist with its work, and generally to do such things and take such actions, for, in the name of, and on behalf of the Presbytery of Carlisle as shall be reasonably necessary to accomplish the general purpose of this resolution.